Implementation of Mahakali Treaty

5317. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 379 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th April, 2002 and state:

(a) whether both India and Nepal have agreed to give priority to implementation of Mahakali Treaty;

(b) whether during the Nepalese Prime Minister's visit to India any agreement has been reached in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. During the recent visit of PM Deuba to India from March 20—25, 2002, the two Prime Ministers noted that considerable work had been done on the field investigations for the Joint Detailed Project Report of the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project. They agreed that all out efforts should be made to complete a Joint DPR before June this year.

Declaration of persona-non-grata by Pakistan to Indian Diplomat

5318. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two officers of Indian High Commission in Pakistan were declared as *persona-non-grata* by Pakistan because of their alleged involvement in the attack on a church in Rawalpindi;

(b) if so, whether Government have vehemently denied the charge and lodged a strong protest to the Government of Pakistan; and

(c) if so, Pakistan Government response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH): (a) to (c) Two officials of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad were declared persona-non-grata by Pakistan Government in March, 2002 allegedly "on account of their